

THE SIERRA MADRE NEWS

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NO. 1.

MORE LIGHTS ON STREETS

TOO MANY DARK SPOTS NOW

City Trustees Appoint Committee to Decide on Locations—Contract for Culverts Is Let

Too many dark places on the streets and the approach of the long winter nights spurred the city trustees at their adjourned meeting last evening to vote for more street lights. Many requests have been made for the installation of lights at various points about town. These requests will be considered and an effort made to secure the installation of the lights by the Edison Company in the very near future. So if you are afraid to go home in the dark you may expect relief soon.

But one bid was received for the construction of cement culverts on Central avenue at Auburn and Wilcox, and swales at Hermosa and Windsor Lane. The lone bidder secured the plum. The bid was that of Harvey Steinberger, son of Trustee Steinberger, and was considerably lower than that of the Davison Company, presented when the bids were previously called for. The delay and re-advertising was therefore justified. The prices specified in the bid were:

For concrete culvert, plan No. 16, \$140.

For concrete culvert, plan No. 15, \$170.

For cement swales, 18 cents per square foot.

The street superintendent was instructed to have cement swales constructed at the intersections of Live Oak and Lima, Live Oak and Sunnyside, and at the east end of Grand View avenue.

MEN'S BANQUET TONIGHT

In the Congregational church parlors this evening will be given a banquet for the men of the congregation, with Rev. Dr. Charles H. Seccombe of Santa Ana as the speaker of the evening. The ladies of the Aid Society will serve the dinner and a large attendance is expected. Dr. Seccombe is president of the Brotherhood of the Congregational churches of Southern California. He is a forceful speaker and will doubtless be heard with pleasure by the guests this evening.

STREET WORK PROGRESSING

With the crews of three different contractors at work on the Sierra Madre streets things have been moving along at a lively rate of late. The oiling of Auburn avenue has been completed and nothing remains to be done except the final rolling and gravelling. Messrs. Ott and Howard have put the job through in excellent time. On Sunnyside the work of Oswald Brothers' men has been delayed by the laying of water pipes but the oiling will soon be pushed to completion. Most of the concrete work along Highland avenue has been completed and Oswald Brothers will exert all their energies to get both Highland and Sunnyside completed before there is enough rainfall to threaten the undoing of the uncompleted work. On Lima street the Davison Contracting Company has already done a large part of the grading, which is not as big a proposition as on some of the other streets.

PORTOLA MADE FICTION FACT

Tribute to Man Who Was First Governor of Alta California and California Is Now to Honor

The modesty of the hero whose memory is to be honored in San Francisco from October 19 to 23 makes him a personage of special interest, apart from the sterling traits common to the pioneers of all times and lands. Living, as he did, in the fateful but noiseless days of Pastoral California, his work was enough. Probably even the newspaper reporter of the present hour would have got no more out of him than a sentence or two from his glib official communications to his superior. His record is brief, nevertheless sufficient to assure us that Visitador-General Galvez did not reach out recklessly when his thoughts running northward to win new treasure for his king, he laid his hand on the shoulder of Gaspar de Portola. In command of the second land expedition sent from Loreto, he pushed his difficult way toward the Isles of Gold and Precious Stones, farther and farther into the "Northern Mystery," finally setting foot on our soil, July, 1769, the natal day of Alta California.

In an old romance of his race he had read, "Know that on the right hand of the Indies there is an island called California, very close to the side of the Terrestrial Paradise." He had now found it, made the fiction fact, and was about to establish his rule over the first white men to make the new land their home.

Father Junipero bears testimony to the prophetic phrasing of the old tale, the trees in the valley, the wild vines loaded with grapes, the native roses rivalling in scent the roses of Castile—his account of these in a letter to Father Palon, left behind in San Xaxier, is like a page from the old predictive fiction.

Not a great man—the earth has few such—but a strong, brave, kindly man had come to begin the civilization to which the Golden State has risen. An instrument of destiny, he had the co-operation of helpful influences. An able and progressive prince sat the throne of Spain, while at the first governor's side ready to do his bidding, were some of the rarer spirits commissioned to work the high deeds of God-fearing, faithful and devoted lives.

One can hardly think of Portola without recalling the blessed shapes of Fathers Junipero and Palon. Serra, that fearless, self-sacrificing, and most heroic man, sainted by the laity of the world if overlooked by the Church, was with him when he came; and on his expedition to San Francisco Bay the man to whom he oftener turned was that other follower of the Cross, the happy hearted El Beato, whom Junipero wished, with his last thought, to be buried by.

The Catalan captain of dragoons, our first governor, was not long in the land; but when he returned to report to Galvez and the Viceroy, he had two years of wise, progressive and peaceful rule to his credit, and the united homage of his associates in the new land and his superiors at home. But little more than a year in Upper California, the most of the time in the saddle, he had been not only the first European ruler of our Golden Shores, but also a faithful and efficient officer; his work being crowned—as we are all proudest just

now to remember—by the discovery of San Francisco Bay.

But it is, in very truth, not Portola whom our country and the world are asked to regard, next October, risen and returned to the land he lorded in the long ago; the universal gaze will be fastened rather on the wonderful city by the bay which he had the good fortune first to look on—the city of most romantic history, of unexampled courage, symbolizing at the present hour, with singular and brilliant fidelity, the traits of spirit and character that rise to mind at the mention of the name of the people of the United States.

Well may the city that has taken the phoenix forever from the realm of fable and made the fanciful resurrection plain, naked facts, the city that lay, three short years ago, prostrate in ashes and the black smoke of dire annihilation, and now sits in new and unique beauty once more on her beautiful hills—well may this city call to the states of the Union and to the kingdoms across the seas, to come up to the Gate of Gold, and rejoice with her, sprung again from temporal death into the fresh and lusty life of youth, free-willed and strong-willed as the winds that blow the shining locks back from her forehead, radiant as she never was before with the flattery of the suns and the solicitous stars of night.

Doubt as we may, the godly old monks who believed so much, and that much so hard, had the fates at their backs. St. Francis did reserve for his special glory in the new world the city that should most honor his name, and spread it widest down the earth. To one familiar with the history of San Francisco—and who but knows something of it?—it is easy, even in this skeptical time, to believe that, if we are watched over at all by the heavens, the barefoot saint who once made his home in the wild, and took for his familiars the stars of the sky and the birds and flowers of the air and ground, will smile down most benignly on the Portola Festival, at once man's and nature's rejoicing.

With St. Francis will look down the approving spirits of the thousands of high hearted men of that grand caravan which moved from the Eastern ocean to the ocean west in 1849.

The heavens smiling, and the people of the states and of far-off kingdoms sending their special messengers, the Portola Festival should form the crowning revelation of the indomitable will, the unflinching trust, and the resistless might of her chief city and of herself, the sovereign State of California.

The fantástico-contrapuntal old word-weaver of the Weald of Kent builded, for once at least, wiser than they knew: "For, as there is but one phoenix in the world, so there is but one tree wherein she buyldeth."—John Vance Cheney.

WOMAN'S CLUB

The Sierra Madre Woman's Club will hold its first meeting of the club year at the club house next Monday afternoon. The officers installed at the last meeting of the club in the spring will be in charge and the address of the president, Mrs. George H. Lettau, will be a feature of the program. Following the business session there will be a social hour.

The next regular meeting of the club will be on October 25. At that time there will be a complimentary luncheon in the club house for members only. That will be followed by the regular program at the usual hour.

WILL RE-OPEN HOTEL SHIRLEY

MRS. RICE WILL TAKE CHARGE

Enterprise Will Now Be in First-Class Hands and Should Prove a Good Thing for the Town

It will be good news to Sierra Madre people to know that Hotel Shirley will be re-opened soon. And it will be better news to them to know that the hotel will be in the competent hands of Mrs. Jerome Rice, who will return tomorrow from Long Beach to begin preparations for the opening of the hotel.

The problem of the Shirley has weighed heavily on the minds of many people since it was closed last spring after being a year in the hands of inexperienced people who could not make it pay. There was a general feeling that we should have a hotel in operation in the business section of town, and especially a conveniently located eating place. The very fact that the hotel building was idle gave the thing a bad aspect for the town's apparent prosperity, or lack of it.

Mrs. Rice has conducted popular and successful boarding houses in Sierra Madre and in Long Beach. And while the hotel proposition was a little larger than she wished to undertake, she agreed to do so when encouraged by local business men and others. It will probably be a week or two before the building can be put in shape and things arranged for business. But after that the town is assured of having a first-class centrally located hotel.

SIERRA MADRE RAINFALL

The last rain of the season of 1908-09 fell on September 24 and amounted to sixteen hundredths of an inch. This brought the total for the season up to 38.20 inches.

The season 1909-10 opened, strictly on time, on the evening of October 1. Up to 8 a. m. on the morning of October 2 the gauge recorded 0.44. Between 8 a. m. and 6 p. m. there fell 0.32, and after 6 p. m. but before midnight, 0.06, making a total of 0.82 inch.

On October 1, 1897, there was a fall of thirty-eight hundredths of an inch; on October 3, 1898, three hundredths. On October 4, 1896, five hundredths. The heaviest rainfall recorded in Sierra Madre in October was in 1889, when 10.52 inches fell during the month. The October rainfall does not seem to afford any indication of the character of the rest of the season.—John G. Blumer.

GIFT FOR LIBRARY

Officers of the library association were given a highly enjoyable surprise by Mr. F. R. Yerxa and in turn they will share their enjoyment with the patrons of the library. Through Mr. Yerxa seventy-five volumes of late fiction have been given the library and are now on the shelves. The donor of the books is Mr. George Thompson, publisher of the St. Paul Dispatch. Mr. Thompson visited Mr. Yerxa last summer while spending some time in Southern California. His gift to the library will be greatly appreciated.

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Governor Bryant Butler Brooks, of Wyoming, is one of the wealthiest men in that state. As a young man he was a farm-hand, cowpuncher, trapper and hunter.

Admiral Evans is an expert with the needle, and it was his custom to while away the idle hours at sea by working exquisite pieces of embroidery and crochet.

Jesse L. Livermore, the plunger who, not long ago, cleaned up \$3,000,000 in Wall street, ten years ago was making prices on the board of a Boston broker's office. He is only thirty years old.

"Witness," said the coroner, "do you know what motive the deceased had in committing suicide?" "Yes, judge, your honor," said the witness pompously. "Deceased told me his motive, sir." The coroner, the court officers, everybody, looked interested. "What was, then, deceased's motive, witness?" said the coroner. "Why, your honor, he said he wanted to kill himself," was the reply.—Troy News.

Mr. Green—Now I'm going to tell you something, Ethel. Do you know that last night, at your party, your sister promised to marry me? I hope you'll forgive me for taking her away? Little Ethel—Forgive you, Mr. Green! Of course I will. Why, that's what the party was for!—Tit-Bits.

The News Printery for correct engraving.

A Man With a Worth-While Idea

Spare Moments.—In a small vine-covered office on his farm near Carlinville, Illinois, is a man working for the interests of the "Mind, Money and Morals" of thousands of farmer boys of the Central West. The line along which he is working is, "Keep the boy on the farm by inspiring in him the idea of ownership." Let him own something, a pig, a cow, a horse, or, if possible, a tract of land.

This is how Mr. Will B. Otwell became actively interested in the farm boy problem. When the meetings of a certain farmers' institute failed because of lack of attendance, he began to look for a remedy, and this was the result: He induced the local merchants to offer a prize of three hundred dollars to the boys of the institute in a corn-growing contest. When it came time for the hall doors to open for the next institute meeting, there were three hundred boys and twice as many parents waiting for admission. The next year there were five hundred boys in the contest. Since Mr. Otwell took hold of things there has been no difficulty in getting out a quorum at that institute.

In 1904 Mr. Otwell was appointed superintendent of agriculture and instructed to take the exhibits of eight hundred Illinois boy corn-growers to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis. His method of improving the standard of grain attracted world-wide attention and only recently the agricultural general of Scotland wrote that the "Illinois Idea" was a success in Scotland.

As a result of Mr. Otwell's work the Otwell Farmers Boy organization was formed with a membership of twenty thousand farm boys ranging in age from one to ninety years, almost every one a horseman. This organization has grown at the rate of ten thousand a year. Members are mounted to create attachment for farm animals and to inspire humanitarian teachings. Five or more boys—and horses—can hold brigade roundups, but the annual roundup at Carlinville is the chief event. At the last of these roundups a year ago six hundred farmers' boys rode horseback escorted by fifty farmers' daughters, mounted, and four farm boy bands. Some of the boys rode one hundred and fifty miles from Illinois and Missouri to join the parade.

A feature of Mr. Otwell's work is the True Blue pledge to abstain from liquor, tobacco, profane language and from visiting saloons. This pledge has twenty-three thousand signers and new recruits are added at the rate of one thousand a month. So much for his efforts in behalf of the morals of the young farmers, and as for their material welfare there are in Illinois alone two hundred and twenty-five banks catering to the deposits of the six thousand "Money-makers"—a clan of Otwell's boys.

Another of his enterprises is a farm boy colony of eight thousand acres in the St. Francis valley in Arkansas. This land was purchased through the aid of a friend and is re-sold to the boys on easy payments in ten, twenty and forty-acre lots. A good part of this tract is now in cultivation with melons and vegetables for the Memphis market only forty minutes distant.

So convinced are the boys that Mr. Otwell is their friend that they write

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FEED THE FLOWERS

Pacific Garden.—One of the mysterious channels in which the minds of some amateur gardeners run is that they think plant life will live and luxuriate on wind and water. They see the rich dark green color of the foliage, and the large brilliant colors of the flowers of the plants of a neighbor who is wise enough to feed as well as water them, and wonder why their own are so feeble in growth and sickly in appearance. Feed is as necessary to grow good plants as it is necessary to grow good chickens, or any other living thing. A sack, at least, of a good brand of commercial fertilizer should always be kept on hand for the use of the

gardener in charge if satisfactory results are expected. Where poultry is kept the cleanings of the coops are worth at least four cents per pound, as commercial fertilizers are rated, yet they are more frequently thrown in the alley or sent to the garbage pile than applied to the plants about the house and in the garden.

Squire—You can't gamble at the market for pigs just now; they're fetching a good price. Old Tenant Farmer—Well, as far as that do go, I suppose they be, but look what a price they be to buy.—Punch.

"Father," said little Rollo, "what is a reformer?" "In numerous cases, my son, a reformer is a man who considers himself peculiarly qualified to hold office because of his professional inexperience."—Washington Star.

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SIERRA MADRE CALIFORNIA

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Little Willie—Say, pa, what is a genius? Pa—a genius, my boy, is a person whom nature lets in on the ground floor, but whom circumstances force to live in an attic.—Chicago News.

Brief Items of Interest

Miss Olive Savage of Duarte is the guest of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bullock of Twin Falls, Idaho, are guests of Mrs. Mary Davis Goodfellow this week.

Mrs. B. F. Rockhold of Riverside has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Adams this week.

The first meeting for the season of the Modern Priscillas was held yesterday afternoon, Miss Webster being the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Staples expect to go soon to Oro Grande where Mr. Staples has undertaken contracts which will keep him busy for some time.

Henry Olsen has left Sierra Madre, expecting to spend the winter in Imperial Valley. Dale Bowen and Leonard Tucker expect to leave today for the same region.

Dr. Pike's bungalow at the lower end of Mountain Trail avenue has been leased for the winter by Mrs. Desmond and daughters of Los Angeles.

Harold M. Beal, formerly editor and publisher of the Inglewood Times, has come to Sierra Madre to spend the winter and has taken a house on lower Hermosa avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Copps gave an informal dinner party last Friday evening, complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Staples. Other guests were Mrs. Henry Caskey of Point Arena, Miss Alta Rice, Mr. Fred Copps of Mexico and his little daughter, Dorothy.

The many friends of Dr. W. F. Hatfield will be glad to know that he has successfully undergone a serious operation in Los Angeles. Dr. Howard, a specialist, operating. Dr. Hatfield started for New York, intending to go to the hospital where he was chief surgeon for many years. He was unable to continue his journey and it was necessary to perform the rapid recovery is hoped for.

Mrs. S. C. Collins entertained the operation in the Los Angeles hospital. The doctor is resting easily and a pupils of Mrs. Mary Davis Goodfellow's kindergarten on Monday afternoon at the kindergarten building on Grand View avenue. The affair was in honor of Mrs. Collins' young son, Douglas, and was thoroughly enjoyed by his little playmates. A feature of the entertainment was a big "Jack Horner" pie, from which each little guest extracted, not the proverbial plum, but a gift. The complimented guest was also the recipient of some highly prized gifts.

Mr. David F. Morton and his wife, formerly Miss Caroline Mueller, returned to Sierra Madre last Friday with the news that they had just been enjoying their honeymoon trip. Miss Mueller had been acting as housekeeper for Mr. Morton on the Watson ranch a year or more. They recently started for a trip to the Grand Canyon, getting quietly married on the way and returning to make their home here. They have had the residence formerly occupied by F. C. Seely put into fine shape and will live there.

Tom Henszey is reported to be seriously ill at his home at the upper end of Lima street.

Miss Everest and Mr. A. Friedenthal of Venice were guests at the Caley home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Adams spent Sunday in Riverside with Mr. and Mrs. Rockhold, parents of Mrs. Adams.

Arthur Evans, who has been unable to carry his evening papers recently on account of illness, is reported to be improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mahar have returned to Sierra Madre and will make their home in the C. W. Jones residence on East Central avenue for the winter.

Miss Annis B. Coffey has been enjoying a visit from her brother, Mr. Harry Coffey, a member of the electrical engineering force on the Panama Canal.

The kindergarten class of the Congregational church had a little social affair all their own in the church parlors yesterday afternoon. It was greatly enjoyed by the youngsters.

Jim McNally has joined the ranks of the commuters since the closing of the season at Orchard Camp. He is assisting in the electrical business of his brother, W. A. McNally of Pasadena.

Lewis Newcomb has taken his wife and the baby to Chilao where he is building a cabin and where they will probably remain till the first of December. McNally's trail burros were used to pack materials into the mountains and will be kept there for the fine pasturage till it is necessary to bring them out for the winter.

Mrs. Elizabeth Borglum is taking up her work at her studio on Hermosa avenue and in Los Angeles. She plans to devote one day each week to local pupils. She expects to have her studio ready for guests by the first Sunday in November and will receive regularly on the first Sunday of each month thereafter.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon 11 a. m. Evening prayer and address 5 p. m. Rev. George H. Cornell, D. D., rector. All are welcome.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Dr. F. E. Wishard of Los Angeles will speak at the Congregational Church next Sunday evening at 7:30. Dr. Wishard was for many years a missionary among the Mormons of Utah and his experiences will furnish material for his address. Other services will be as usual on Sunday, Dr. Campbell preaching in the morning.

GOSPEL SERVICES

Gospel addresses each Sunday at Town Hall until further notice. Services at 3 o'clock and 7:30 p. m.

"Going up to hear that lecture on appendicitis today?" "Naw, I'm tired of these organ recitals."—Cornell Widow.

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BY THE WAY.

Good morning, have you paid your taxes yet?

Even though you don't care to enjoy the sunshine yourself, don't spoil it for others by going around with a frown on your face.

Next Tuesday will be a legal holiday, as a result of an act of the last legislature setting aside October 12 of each year in commemoration of the discovery of America. Hurrah for Christopher Colombo.

Sierra Madre's clubs—which are mostly women's clubs—are always in the lead in their particular fields of endeavor. It is likely there will be some developments in the near future which will be of unusual interest.

Publisher Goodcell of the Monrovia Messenger has been stirring things up since starting in business there a few months ago. He has recently moved the office into a new building which he has had erected. And since then he has had installed a typesetting machine of the style known as the "Improved Typograph."

J. W. Harvey, formerly publisher of the Monrovia Messenger, who purchased a job printing plant in Pasadena a few months since, has removed his outfit to Monrovia, where he will go into business among his old friends. Possibly he will again get into the editorial harness.

Some people's natures are "cut on the bias" to such an extent that they can't stand it to see the views of any but their own side of a question in print. If a newspaper tries to be fair to all and prints the views of people on both sides of any controversy they can say nothing too mean about the editor because he published any but their own opinion, no matter how warped and narrow it may seem to others or how much there may be to be said on the other side.

AZUSA'S FESTIVAL DAY

Tomorrow Azusa will cut loose with a good, old-fashioned carnival of athletic sports, band music and other forms of entertainment designed to attract a large crowd to the "Canyon City." There will be a football game in the afternoon and a number of other athletic events will be held also.

Made the Most of the Job

Spare Moments.—It pays to do whatever you have to do in the best manner possible for one never knows how carefully he is being watched by someone who hopes to discover some indication of special talent or adaptability. That was the case with Elmer W. Loring. Loring's outlook for the future was not one of special promise but he had that happy faculty of doing with his might whatsoever his hand found to do and it has opened the way for him to a successful and useful career. He is a young Virginian who carried Mr. Taft's golf sticks while that distinguished gentleman was at the Hot Springs golf links last summer getting in shape for his strenuous campaign. Every golf player knows how much depends upon his caddy, and young Loring exercised such wise discretion in this relation that he attracted Mr. Taft's attention. When the latter went to Washington as President he took Loring along as a special messenger. Now young Loring is matriculated in the University of Virginia at Charlottesville fitting himself for some special work which the President has in view for him. The President is paying all his expenses, allowing him, it is said, two dollars a day.

THE CHAPPELOW AVOCADO

Story of the Famous Alligator Pear Tree at Monrovia

The current number of the Pacific Garden contains the following account from William Chappelow of Monrovia of his Avocado or Alligator pear tree, which has become so widely known:

In the fall of 1893, Prof. Wm. A. Taylor, of the Division of Pomology, Department of Agriculture, sent me four seeds that he had received from Monterey, Mexico, and out of them I succeeded in raising only a single tree. This was grown at first in a pot in a greenhouse and when about a foot high was planted out. The first winter was very cold and the tree, then about four feet high, was cut down to the ground. To the best of my remembrance, the thermometer went down to about 24 degrees. The next spring it recovered and developed into a fine young tree and has never been hurt by frost since, although we have had some very cold winters. Five or six years afterward it began to fruit and has borne regularly each season since. Scions from this tree were sent to Prof. Roll at Miami, Florida, and by him top-worked, and later fruited. He found it wanting of a distinguishing name and he called it after the originator, Chappelow. In one year (I think 1905), it bore over 1200 fruits. The net returns from the sale of the fruit (beside seed and scions sold and fruit for home use) has averaged over \$100 for the last five years. Last season it was \$140 for fruit sold alone. The tree blossoms in the winter and ripens its fruit in August and September following—some years a little earlier and in others a little later.

Description of the fruit is: In shape, pyriform or "bottle necked;" in size, large for Mexican varieties, in color, dark dull purple, almost

black; skin very thin; flesh greenish-yellow, and very buttery, with pleasant flavor.

The tree is a vigorous grower and spreading (not of conical growth, as in most other varieties). The parent tree, although only about sixteen years old, is sixty inches in girth a foot from the ground, and has a spread of fifty feet or more. In height it is at least thirty feet. My experience is that the Avocado wants a very rich soil to grow good crops and lots of water. I use common stable manure, well worked under, for fertilizer. No pruning.

Although the fruit is not as large as some, and the season of ripening is not as late as is desirable, I think the "Chappelow" is better for this climate than other varieties on account of its being hardier and a regular and prolific bearer.

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"So this is your daughter's coming-out dinner, is it?" a friend said to the debutante's father. "Yes," the stern old man replied, "and if I hadn't put my foot down on that dressmaker, she'd have been out even further than she is."—Young's Magazine.

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MUSICAL CLUB

First meeting for the season of the Monday Musical Club was held on Monday afternoon at the Woman's Club House. There was a brief program, followed by a business session and social hour. The program was as follows:

Piano—

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Soprano—

Go, Pretty Rose, Foote.

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I'm Wearing Awa, Foote.

Miss Cook.

Piano—

The Rainbow

Forest Sounds

Miss Stevenson.

Soprano—

Dear Love, When in Thine Arms I Lie, Chadwick.

The Year's at the Spring, Beach.

Miss Cook.

DR. LEROY DEAD

Dr. W. G. Leroy passed away early Monday after a long illness. He had been in failing health since coming to Sierra Madre last fall with Mrs. Leroy. For many years Dr. Leroy was a prominent physician of Chicago, and the family were prominent socially. A daughter married a son of Mrs. G. P. Gary, who is now connected with the United States Steel Corporation with headquarters in Minneapolis. Since coming to Sierra Madre Doctor and Mrs. Leroy have lived quietly at the corner of Laurel and Adams, where the end came. The doctor's age was about seventy-one years. Simple services were held at the residence Wednesday afternoon, Dr. J. M. Campbell being in charge. Interment was at the Sierra Madre cemetery.

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AT THE THEATERS

Belasco

The Belasco Theater Company will next week make a big revival of its most prominent success, "Old Heidelberg," that always popular and delightful story of German student life. Lewis S. Stone will of course be seen as Karl Heinrich, the young prince, who is sent with his tutor, Dr. Juettner, to complete his studies at Heidelberg University and where he finds youthful companions very much after his own heart and a very beautiful young girl, Katie, with whom he falls in love. The transition in the young man's character from the confines of court life in which he has spent his early days to the happy, joyous, rollicking days at the famous German university form a most delightful stage picture and one that has never been excelled in absolute popularity by any play that has ever come to the American stage. Thais Magrane will have the part of Katie and she may be expected to give a decidedly pleasing portrayal; Frank E. Camp will be seen as Lutz, and Charles Giblyn as Scholerman. Howard Scott will return to the Belasco stage after an absence of eight weeks and will be seen in his old time favorite role of Kellerman, which will always remain one of the most delightful characterizations that has ever been displayed on the local stage.

Following "Old Heidelberg," the

Belasco Company will offer George Ade's successful comedy, "The County Chairman," with Lewis S. Stone in the role created by Macklyn Arbuckle in New York, and Howard Scott as Sassafras Livingston, the colored politician, the part that was played in the original production by Willis P. Sweatman.

Majestic

At last the record-breaking musical sensation, "A Knight for a Day," is to be seen here, coming to the Majestic theater next week, and in all its scenic picturesque garb. After a whole year's run in Chicago this operatic comedy craze is to be shown in a few of the larger cities. The scheme of the book involves a will leaving an immense fortune to be shared by the holders of two identical Corsican medals. There you have a simple plot around which have been woven many pretty songs, some grand choruses and incidents so fast and furious it requires a company of over seventy people to unravel it.

The central characters in "A Knight for a Day" are all young persons. The hero himself is an undersized waiter who, having laid hands on certain legal documents, endeavors to pass as a lawyer. His comedy partner is a "servant lady" of a type that might be imagined in a nightmare after searching intelligence bureaus. The balance of a long, energetic cast of capable principals are busy all evening helping out with the fun which at times seems as if a tornado had struck the theater, so great is the applause.

CULL OUT INFERIOR CHICKS

The Poultry Yard.—If farmers are looking forward to the time when they shall own hens capable of laying 200 eggs each per annum, some attention must be given the selection of the parent birds, and close observation and selection of the chicks should be the rule.

Farmers are not sufficiently careful regarding the stock to be retained for the succeeding years. Chicks are kept for months that do not show the least sign of growth in that time, and hours of labor are lost in caring for some that should be sold or destroyed even when healthy.

If only the best fowls were retained and the inferior ones discarded as soon as they show that they cannot keep up with the others, there would be a great deal of saving of both time and food, and more room might be secured for those that are retained. Inferior chicks or adults will amount to nothing but a loss in the end and they should be gotten rid of before they cost the owner more time and money. Many young fowls that are kept until quite large should be eaten by the owner, and thus save a small sum in the meat line, instead of entailing expense.

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Pursuant to statutes and to Resolution of Award No. 17 of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre, adopted on the 7th day of October, 1909, directing this notice, notice is hereby given that said Board of Trustees, in open session, on the 7th day of October 1909, opened, examined and publicly declared all sealed proposals or bids offered for the following work, to-wit:

First: For the construction of a cement concrete culvert along Central avenue and across Wilden street of the size and dimensions and where shown on the plans and profiles for said work, and in accordance with said plans and profiles, on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and according to plan No. 16 for the construction of cement box culverts and city specifications for the construction of cement box culverts on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 9.

Second: For the construction of a cement concrete culvert along Central avenue and across Auburn avenue of the size and dimensions and where shown on the plans and profiles for said work, and in accordance with said plans and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and according to plan No. 15 for the construction of cement box culverts and city specifications for the construction of cement box culverts on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 9.

Third: For the construction of a cement swale along said Central avenue and across Hermosa avenue of such dimensions as are shown on the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and in accordance with city specifications No. 7 for the construction of cement swales on file in the office of the city clerk of said city.

EXTENDING THE TRAILS

Much Work Will Be Done Before the Winter Weather Begins in the Mountains

Important extensions to trails already built and additions in the shape of entirely new trails are projected by the government forestry service, acting in connection with the county officials. Among others, there will be a trail connecting with the Sturtevant trail which will give a through route from Sierra Madre to the north side of the range.

Supervisor Manning has aided in getting assistance from the county since attention was called to the need for more and better trails during the recent fires in the mountains, according to the Pasadena Star. The rangers had great difficulty in reaching the fires over the old Pine Flats trail.

A force of men is already working on a trail from the west fork of the San Gabriel river north to Pine flats. This trail will be a part of a trail which will run from Sierra Madre as far as the north side of the San Gabriel range.

Still another trail will be one between the Arroyo Seco and the west fork of the San Gabriel.

All the permanent trails through the mountains are going to be repaired, the funds being appropriated from the county funds by the board of supervisors. All the new trails put in will be permanent work and will be pushed to completion as soon as possible.

The force of men now working will stay at work until stopped by snow and will start again in the early spring.

But to Carlton, supervisor of the Cleveland national forest reserve, what is more pleasing than even the assurance of good trails, is the recent rain which fell. At this time of year there are many things for the rangers to do in preparing for winter and now that the weeds and brush are wet they can practically give up the patrol work and do the winter improving.

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And thereafter, to-wit: On the 7th day of October, 1909, said Board of Trustees awarded the contract for said work to the lowest regular, responsible bidder, to-wit: To Harvey H. Steinberger at the prices specified in his proposal on file for said work, to-wit:

For the construction of cement concrete culverts according to plan No. 16 the sum of \$140.00;

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